

Moscow paid attention to the reports in foreign press, including the American press, regarding the fact that certain U.S. services have conducted for some time the work of raising the Soviet submarine that sunk in 1968 in the open sea in the area northwest of Hawaii. According to those reports, the operation has been carried out by a special U.S. ship, the Glomar Explorer. It was reported, in particular, that a part of the submarine has been recovered some time ago with the bodies of the crew members, that were thrown out into the sea.

It goes without saying that we cannot be indifferent to any operation of raising any parts and property of the submarine belonging to the USSR.

Special concern is caused by the fact that the bodies of the crew members of the sunken submarine, according to the press reports, were recovered and then thrown back into the sea. The matters related to the submarine and the dead seamen are the prerogatives of the Soviet Union alone.

We expect from the U.S. side explanations with regard to the above mentioned reports, including complete information about the bodies of the crew members of the sunken Soviet submarine and also information on the discontinuance of any operations connected with the submarine.

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